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Menards is coming, but not right now

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

"Menards is coming. Menards is coming," chanted Van Buren Township Planning Commissioner Bob McKenna on June 24 after the planning commission approved the final permit Menards needed before moving forward with construction of its home improvement store.

But Tom O'Neil, real estate representative for Menards, told the *Independent* following that meeting that he doesn't know when construction would start.

"It's a big project," O'Neil said of the building of a 1,019,014-square-foot facility and two accessory structures.

When asked about the Scio Township store, where construction has been delayed, O'Neil said that store will be opening this summer.

O'Neil said he realizes that the Van Buren Township store originally was scheduled to have a ground breaking in April and that didn't happen. It had been scheduled to open in February, 2016.

He did say that Menards does own the property now where it plans to build, just north of Walmart on Belleville Road.

O'Neil was asked if construction was being delayed because the agreement with Walgreens has not been finalized to close its drive onto Belleville Road just south of the proposed Menards' drive that already has a traffic signal.

O'Neil said Menards has been assured that the Walgreen agreement will not hold up the project.

In its actions June 24, the planning commission unanimously approved Menards' final site plan and its tree removal permit.

Menards has been working on approval

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Photo by Timeless Images by Susan

In ceremonies at the Woodstone Grill on June 23 the newly elected president of the Belleville Rotary Club, Julie Hardy, and the board of directors were formally installed by David Carpenter, former governor of Rotary District 6400 and member of the Rotary Club of Wayne. From left are past district governor Carpenter, past Belleville club president Jerry Richardson; incoming president Hardy; president-elect Mary Jo Suchy, and other directors: Susan Richardson, Mike Aimone, and Debra Green. Director Phil Miller was not available.

VBT Board to decide how much millage to put on November ballot

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Van Buren Township will be asking voters to approve millage to run the Public Safety Department. If more millage is approved, it could turn the paid-per-call fire department into a full-time department and get rid of the expensive blended-rate employees.

The question(s) will be on the November ballot, but how much officials will be asking for is yet to be determined. They agree 7 years is a good time span, up from the 5 years of the current millage.

It could be:

- Simply 4 mills, which would be a renewal of what is expiring at the end of 2016 – but officials say this isn't enough;
- Or, it could be 6.25 or 6.5 mills (which is the 4 expiring mills plus an extra 2.25 or 2.5 mills);

- Or, it could be two questions: 1. renewal of 4 mills and/or 2. An additional 2.25 or 2.5 mills.

On Tuesday afternoon, the township board discussed the issue for two hours in a special work/study session, with input from a half dozen members of the audience.

Then, the board asked Lianne Claire, executive assistant to the supervisor, to write up ballot language for board members to consider at next Monday's work/study session. The decision on what to put on the ballot is expected to be made officially at the July 7 regular board meeting.

Supervisor Linda Combs said Claire has written the legal wording for many ballot proposals in the past and Claire offered to write this up for the township.

The board has to have this language to Wayne County by the Aug. 11 deadline for the Nov. 3 ballot.

Supervisor Combs started the discussion on the millage question by noting the Public Safety Millage of 4 mills expires at the end of next year. She said the board was trying to decide how to handle this and board

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Court Watching:

Driver in fatal VBT accident bound over

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

On June 24 at the 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green ordered that John Charles Hagadorn, Jr., 19, be bound over to the higher court to face three felony charges in a fatal traffic accident.

He is due to be arraigned on the information by Circuit Court Judge David Groner at 9 a.m. July 8 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on charges of operating while intoxicated causing death, reckless driving causing death, and operating a vehicle with any blood alcohol content while under the age of 21.

Hagadorn, who was injured in the crash and fire that killed his brother on April 27, 2014, in Van Buren Township, was present for a probable cause hearing before Judge Green on May 13. Looking very fragile and unsteady, he was accompanied by his retained attorney Michael Vincent.

Hagadorn's grandmother was in the courtroom and told the judge that she is taking care of John because of his many injuries. She said both boys involved in the accident were her grandsons.

The grandmother said John suffered a closed-head injury, burned arm, face, leg, and ankle and twisted knee. Vincent said he had loss of sight and hearing, right knee surgery, and fourth-degree burns on his left leg.

His grandmother said John needs the plates and pins in his foot completely redone, but he turned 19 and the insurance dropped.

Vincent said a witness said the car was on fire prior to the accident. He said that Cobalt Chevrolet had a leaky fuel valve and, "GM killed that young man."

"He was drunk, there was an accident, somebody died," Judge Green said, adding that it is a tragedy.

Hagadorn was out on \$50,000 personal recognizance bond and his preliminary exam was held June 24, also before Judge

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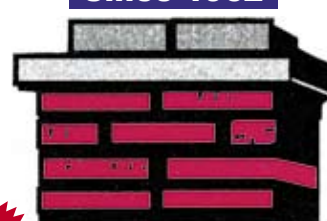
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Banotai Pk. to get dock additions, gates, streetlights

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting June 23, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved two dock additions, two new gates, and two new street lights, all for Banotai Park and all paid for by a Wayne County Parks grant.

The board voted unanimously to:

- Approve R. Henry Construction to build and install two dock additions to the existing dock for \$1,200;
- Purchase two gates from Hoover Fence Company for \$2,800; and
- Pay DTE Energy upfront the cost of \$3,492.17 to install two new street lights at Banotai Park.

In other business at the June 23 meeting, the board:

- Approved a letter of understanding with the Police Officers Association of Michigan that temporary, full-time police officers who work 40 hours without benefits, will get six paid-time-off days instead of two. Attorney Rob Young said the police staff

is short right now. One officer is out on medical, two are at school, and the police department detective has gone on road patrol to fill in the gaps;

- Approved the reappointment of Jay Bardell to the Planning Commission with a term to expire June 22, 2018;

• Accepted the resignation of Building Official John Tackett and approved Tim Wright as the new Building Official;

- Approved a resolution stating fees for Freedom of Information Act requests in compliance with the state's 2015 FOIA Amendments;

• Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy, the board's liaison to the planning commission, announce that the survey to gather information for the update of the master plan is now on the township website and in paper version at the clerk's office. The survey will be taken until Sept. 1 and then compiled for discussion at the October planning commission meeting;

- Heard Trustee Oddy say the committee that was working on an ordinance to control

marijuana provisional centers has tabled its work to wait and see what the state legislature does. He said it could end up that the provisional centers would have rules enforced by the state, which would be good for the township;

- Heard Treasurer Alan Bates thank Carleton Farms for sending out three machines and crews to work all day at Banotai Park, providing an estimated \$3,000 to \$4,000 of donated time to put the park roads into shape. "They are a good corporate friend," said supervisor John Morgan. "Thanking them is in order";

• Heard Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis announce the tax bills will be going out on July 1. They are pink this year and will carry an assessment from Wayne County for the county's pensions; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss collective bargaining with the fire department. Attorney Rob Young said the board would set parameters for the negotiating team.



After 11 years of recording governmental meetings and special events in Sumpter Township, videographer Sam Cumberledge has resigned. He recorded the June 23 township board meeting as his final service. The recordings have been shown on Sumpter's cable channel so those who couldn't get to meetings would keep informed on governmental actions.

Two separate arrests for sex with teenagers brought by Sumpter PD

Two separate cases charging adults having sex with young teenagers were brought by Sumpter police with arrests on June 10 and 11.

Melissa Huziak, 20, of Sumpter Township, was arraigned June 10 at 34th District Court in Romulus on one felony count of criminal sexual conduct - third degree.

She waived her preliminary exam before Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on June 24 and was due for her arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on July 1.

She was being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000/10% bond and Judge Green referred her case to Pretrial Services

for a bond review.

Huziak was arrested on a warrant after the charge was approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office following an extensive investigation by Sumpter Township Detective/Corporal John Toth.

Huziak is alleged to have had individual sexual encounters with two juvenile males, ages 14 and 15, on separate occasions in and around February of this year.

The investigation started after a complaint to police by the father of the 15-year-old after he learned of a sexual encounter between Huziak and his son.

Robert Charles Zumbro

Robert Charles Zumbro, 34, of Sumpter

Township, was arraigned June 12, on three counts of criminal sexual conduct - third degree stemming from an alleged sexual relationship with a juvenile female acquaintance. His preliminary exam was set for July 1 at 34th District Court in Romulus and he is currently being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$250,000 bond.

Zumbro was arrested on June 11 following an investigation by Sumpter Township Corporal John Ashby and Det./Cpl. Toth. The case was then submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who approved the charges. Zumbro is alleged to have had an approximate two-month ongoing sexual relationship with a 14-year-old female that

began in April of this year.

The investigation started on June 2 after a complaint to the department by the juvenile's mother upon her learning of the sexual encounters between Zumbro and her daughter.

Criminal sexual conduct in the third degree is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 15 years.

A person is guilty of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree if the person engages in sexual penetration with another person and if that other person is at least 13 years of age and under 16 years of age.

Court Watching:

Meijer employee pleads guilty to embezzlement, restitution is \$770

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On June 17 before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, Alante Darnett Glass, 23, took a plea deal, saying he was guilty of misdemeanor embezzlement on May 13 when he was an employee at Meijer in Van Buren Township.

He had been charged with felony embezzlement, as an agent or trustee taking \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000. Then the plea deal was worked out with the prosecutor.

Glass told Judge Oakley that he was

heading out to lunch and took items without purchasing them. Judge Oakley asked if he had any trouble with the law before and he said he did as a juvenile "when a principal put his hands on me at BHS" (Belleville High School).

Glass had been out on \$3,000 or 10% bond.

Judge Oakley said Glass had to pay \$770 restitution to Meijer, spend 10 days on the court work program, and be on probation for 24 months. Fines were \$1,695 minus his returned bond which reduced the cost to \$1,395.

VBT Det./Sgt. Mark Buxton was the officer in charge of the case.

Kevin Trinell Newell

Kevin Trinell Newell, 46, who was charged with felony uttering and publishing, accepted a plea deal and pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of larceny up to \$1,000.

He told Judge Oakley that he tried to cash a money order in a drive-through in Van Buren Township on Dec. 28, 2013 although he knew it had no value. He was given his ID back and the person at the window called police.

Judge Oakley said since he got no money there is no restitution, but there is \$895 in fees and fines, 20 days on the court work program, and 24 months of non-reporting probation.

The recommendation for his warrant was April 16, 2014 and he was referred to Drug Court the same day. Newell was out on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond after being arraigned.

VBT Det./Sgt. Buxton was the officer in charge of the case.

Judge Oakley explained that the work

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Sad day: *Romeo Observer* closes its doors forever

On June 24 the *Romeo Observer* closed its doors for the last time. Its owner Melvin Bleich announced the closing in a brief comment on the front page.

Melvin is age 94 and he was our mentor when we opened the *Independent* more than 20 years ago. He explained how legal notices are a public service and you shouldn't charge more than half your regular price for legals. We charge less.

He showed us many things a proper weekly newspaper should do and we followed his lead.

Mel always told us that you should never sell to a chain of newspapers because they ruin a paper by just concentrating on the money involved and slighting the service to the community.

Well, Mel didn't sell to a chain, although he had many offers.

Mel, a World War II veteran who in May 1959 bought a struggling weekly paper in Romeo, MI when his family was young, loved owning a newspaper. He and his wife Joan were pillars of the community. Joan died in 2005, but Mel is still with us.

All small newspapers are struggling these days because of the internet, and many have folded. We're surprised and saddened that the *Observer* is among those lost. But, we are comforted by the man who stuck to his word about not selling out to a chain. Mel closed his doors and said goodbye, like a gentleman.

— Rosemary Otzman, editor

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

While we were waiting for the final members to show up for the VBT DDA meeting last week, Craig Atchinson, the DDA chairman, said he wanted to tell those present about what's been happening to him.

He said AT&T came to him and said the lights at Atchinson Ford were interfering with the communications on the cell tower to the northwest of his business. AT&T told him to turn out his lights.

Craig said other nearby Ford dealerships have had things stolen at night and he didn't want to turn off his lights, so he didn't.

Then the FCC showed up a month later and said his lights were interfering with the cell tower. He said they had an instrument that showed the lights were a problem. Craig said he had an electrician unscrew one of the lights and re-screw it and the problem went away. He said he will have to do that with five other poles.

He said he plans to put in LEDs in the future.

"I was here first," Craig said, but that didn't mean anything. He said when dealing with the government fines are involved for the dropped calls and he doesn't want to go there.

He said the FCC told him, if it was any consolation, the FCC just fined AT&T \$100 million.

When we were out delivering papers last Thursday, we noticed all the travel trailers parked at the Moose Lodge, formerly the PNA Hall in Sumpter.

I asked about it and found out that the Moose has a group of single members who travel from lodge to lodge in the summer with the final destination of Bangor, Maine. The ones we saw were the second round of



visitors from out of state.

A woman who has felt safe living in Van Buren Township for more than 50 years, now feels unsafe. It has to do with the fake AT&T guys that keep coming to her door after both her husband and son have left for work in their vehicles and the house looks deserted.

She said in the last two months four different men, between the ages of 25 and 35, have come to her door one at a time and rung the doorbell and knocked on the window glass.

She speaks to them out her window and they say they're from AT&T. They are wearing blue AT&T shirts. The tag on their neck is not a picture ID, but something like a black and white business card. They are always on foot and there is no AT&T vehicle anywhere in the area.

They tell her she is on their list. She says she has told them to take her off their list. They always say it is their first day on the job and they'll have to ask their supervisor about taking her off the list.

"They are trying to get me to open the door," she said.

She said she has called AT&T and has been told they do not go door to door. She has called Van Buren Police Department every time they come and the police also said AT&T does not go door to door and to call police back if the fake AT&T guy comes back. So, she does.

The family is considering getting her a gun

for protection.

Her sister urged her to come in and tell us about the situation, to warn other people. So she did. Be warned.

Last Tuesday, on *Independent* deadline day, the Belleville downtown was without electrical power. My son Jim and I packed up our computers and took them home to Van Buren Township where the power was on to put the paper together. It worked fine. The power came on later in the day, but we were done by then.

Then, last week end I could see on the DTE outage map that downtown Belleville was out of power again. Good thing it wasn't deadline day again. Two power outages within a few days are not good for businesses or residences. Hope we're done with that.

I told one of the former residents of Van Buren Township that I keep in touch with about the special work/study township board session that was planned for June 30 to discuss the Public Safety Millage.

I've heard there are those who want to hike the millage when it goes before voters in November.

My email friend suggested the board redistribute the police salaries so they don't have to ask the voters for more money.



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**Lorias: Excellent choice
as Grand Marshals**

To the Editor:

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Committee.

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Thank you,
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To the Editor:

This is to the lady who bought a digital
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Huron River Drive on Friday, June 26.
Please, stop back. The plug fell out of the
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Vic Franzoi
Van Buren Township

**Community Baby
Shower for First Step**

To the Editor:

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Hajciar is from Plymouth, and says he is excited about the opportunity to serve the families of Belleville and surrounding areas along with us the rest of the staff.

Hajciar is a 2002 graduate of the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago and previously worked at the Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Grand Rapids.

"We look forward to having Bryan on our staff, helping grieving families through a very difficult time in their lives," Brown-Chudzinski said.



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Obituaries



Kim R. (Ibach)
DeGregorio

KIM R. (IBACH) DeGREGORIO

(January 8, 1969 – June 25, 2015)

Kim Rene (Ibach) DeGregorio, 46, of Trenton, MI, formerly of Belleville, passed in her home June 25, 2015 after a year-long war against cancer.

Kim is the daughter of Ilene and Tom Hazen of Belleville and Roger and Marion Ibach of Gaylord, MI. She is survived by her devoted husband Steve, sons Steven and Anthony, and daughter Karia. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law Roger and Terri Ibach and family of Southgate, MI.

Kim was graduated from Belleville High School in 1987 and attended Dorsey Business School after which she was employed at D B Schenker Logistics in Romulus for over 20 years.

Kim was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends. She had passion for people and loved life.

Cremation has occurred and a memorial service was held at the John Molnar Funeral Home in Woodhaven, MI on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Please sign her online guest book and share a memory for the family at www.molnarfuneralhome.com.

LOUISE M. AUSTIN

(June 2, 1917 - June 28, 2015)

Age 98. Lived in Belleville 22 years. Survived by children Twyla, Marilyn, and Jerri-Lou; grandchildren; great-grandchildren. Visitation 3-9 p.m. Thursday at D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, Warren. Funeral at 10 Friday.

FMAR sets shoe collection drive to raise funds for animal shelter

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) is conducting a shoe collection drive through Aug. 23 to raise funds for running the shelter for dogs and cats.

FMAR will earn funds based on the number of pairs collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated goods. Those dollars will benefit all of the dogs and cats at FMAR.

Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used, or new shoes at FMAR at 51299 Arkona Road, Belleville, MI 48111. The shelter is located near Rawsonville Road in Sumpter Township.

All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Marcia LaFramboise, FMAR vice president. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets that they would like to donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It's a win-win for everyone."

By donating shoes to the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives. This also will reduce what goes into landfills.

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Menards

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to build at this location for more than a year and had tried to get approval for a separate site before that on the North I-94 Service Drive / Belleville Road near the old Farmer Jack. It pulled out of work on that site.

The present site is about 27.24 vacant acres.

At the June 24 meeting, planning consultant Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates said Menards wished to put a chain link fence around the north drainage pond in the woods, instead of a decorative wrought-iron looking fence required by the township around drainage ponds.

Hodges said the chain link can't be approved administratively because conditions can change and the pond may be visible to the condos to the north. The planning commission would have to decide on that, she said.

Commissioner Bryon Kelley said, "It should be wrought iron."

Commissioner Joan Franzoi agreed. "Some of the condos are two-story. It should be a decorative fence."

"I would tend to agree," Commissioner McKenna said, adding the pond could be seen from the second story of a condo.

The commission agreed to require the decorative fencing and O'Neil said Menards would do it if it was required.

Hodges and the commission also wanted amenities by Belleville Road - "A bench or two and a few other things," said Commissioner Don Boynton, who was presiding at the meeting in the absence of chairwoman Carol Thompson.

"We did not see it as a pedestrian corridor," O'Neil said of Belleville Road. "But if you want it, they will do it."

Hodges said, "It is surprising. A 45-mph corridor and the number of people who walk."

Commissioner McKenna then complained about the missing cover of a trash container he observed at the Menards location in Livonia.

"Hopefully that's an aberration," O'Neil said, noting it was the store manager's job to maintain the containers.

McKenna didn't like the looks of the trash containers, but O'Neil said that is the

container all the Menards stores have.

O'Neil said it was Menards' understanding that the lights in the north part of the pallet area would be below the roof of the 14' enclosure and on the south and west sides the light could be four feet above the pallets, as in all the other Menards stores.

He said the lights are arm-mounts and recessed shoebox in nature, tilted to the interior of the lumber yard. He said it was 800 feet away from the residences.

Hodges said that the township hadn't agreed to some lights being higher and all the lights needed to be below the roof.

O'Neil agreed to lower all the lights below the 14 feet. He also agreed to adjust the photometric plan to make sure the lights don't shine into the residences.

David Nummer of Wade Trim engineers asked, "If the north pond ever overflows, where would it go? It's a higher elevation than the south pond and it is designed to drain to the south pond."

He asked Menards to create a swale to direct the overflowing water to the south pond instead of just overflowing.

"It would be a rare occurrence, if it happened at all," Nummer said.

O'Neil wanted to know if this change would interfere with the storm water permit he got from Wayne County and Nummer said it wouldn't.

As part of the last permit granted -- the tree removal permit -- Menards agreed to replace 236 trees on the site and pay the township \$81,550 for the tree fund allowing trees to be planted elsewhere in the township. That was for trees that couldn't be replaced.

Clark gas station final approval

Joe Nasser received final site plan approval from the planning commission for his plan to rebuild the existing Clark gas station at the corner of Sumpter and Hull roads and to add a convenience store with a new 2,000 square foot brick building with a peaked roof.

The 1.01-acre site at 15400 Sumpter Road was recently rezoned C-1 which allows gas stations as a permitted use.

Actually, although it has been a Clark station, all the drawings show a Citgo sign like his Citgo gas station at the corner of Sumpter and Willis roads in Sumpter Township.

Nasser said the planning consultants

wanted his sidewalk to go all the way to the street, but Wayne County said the sidewalk should stop before the intersection.

Nummer explained that you have to have ramps on both sides and since there isn't anything across the street, he needs to stop short of the roadway.

Nasser said he plans to start construction in a few weeks.

Like the Menards' project, Nasser's gas station project has been in the works for years.

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I'm asking seniors to participate in my survey

To the Editor:

As a doctoral student in the College of Psychology and Behavioral Science at Argosy University, I am conducting research as part of the requirements for a Doctor of Education degree.

The title of my research project is Elderly Well-Being in the Context of Loneliness, Depression, and Social Support. The purpose of my research is to foster a greater understanding of the phenomenon, characteristics, and the effects associated with elderly daily experiences of depression and loneliness and how social support through family, friends, church, and community mediated these aspects for the elderly person living in the 48111 area.

I am reaching out to local senior residents, community churches, community organizations, and our senior community centers. I am writing to request your assistance in spreading the word about my study to the Belleville community.

This research project is limited to persons, aged 60 and older, who reside in the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township, or Van Buren Township. My project is being overseen by an Argosy University dissertation committee and the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Participants will be asked to complete

a survey or contact me to complete the survey by phone, if they prefer. The survey can also be emailed to those who prefer to complete the survey on their computer and then email it back. The data collected will be kept completely confidential.

Participants will be presented with informed consent information as an integral component of the survey process. Taking part in this study is completely voluntary, and participants are welcome to discontinue participation at any time.

I'll be contacting churches, senior centers, and other groups and ask them to dispense questionnaire packets to their elderly members. Argosy University will be monitoring each step I take.

I hope to get started in July.

For more information on my project, call me at (734) 461-2326 (home) or email hill.angela@comcast.net.

Angela Hill
Sumpter Township

Thanks to all who helped soccer program

To the Editor and Van Buren Community:

Van Buren Community Soccer Association has done a wonderful job this past year trying to bring kids into the community to play soccer.

We cannot thank our coaches enough for their constant volunteering, not only with the players, but also volunteering their time

off the field as well. Our coaches spend their time prepping for practices, games, build relationships with their players and parents, and devote their time, all while being a volunteer.

We have incorporated some licensed training for our coaches, which will help us become more educated within our soccer program. All our Select Coaches have completed their License F and have received their certification and many will be attending a three-day training to achieve their License E certification.

We want our soccer community to understand that we, as coaches -- all volunteer -- want to become better educated in the sport, while families still pay much less than most surrounding clubs.

We are here for the soccer community and want to grow our community the best we can.

Our soccer community raised over \$2,000 for the Relay For Life this past month. We worked hard at fund raising. We would like to thank Culver's for allowing VBCSA to do a car wash at your location and also for hosting our "share" night for our event. We also would like to thank BW3 in Ypsilanti for helping, as well.

We held a bake sale and a can and bottle drive at the soccer fields. Thank you for making, bringing, selling, buying treats and cans! All the volunteers that spent time walking in the rain the day of the event, thank you! To Kim Stakley and Annabell Slovik Evans for all they did to help make this event a success. You ladies rock!

We would like to thank once again Atchinson Ford for helping us attain our 501c3. We are still so excited to share this news with the community, thank you!

We have received new field signs, banner signs, and yard signs for the soccer community. Aver Signs donated these to our association and we thank Terry Ulch for all he has contributed. It is very much appreciated!

One final thank you to all the volunteers in our community who have helped graciously this season to make our club superior. We would not be here if we didn't have our volunteers.

Our soccer association is a community-based program and want to be able to give back. We are always looking for volunteers to help coach, run concessions, help with

raising money for events, etc. Please reach out to us.

Registration for the fall is open so please REGISTER TODAY!

Soccer Rules,
Angie McCluskey
VBCSA Board
vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com

Belleville shouldn't have white tiger 'attraction'

Dear Executive Director of the National Strawberry Festival:

I am not an expert, not an advocate, nor am I planning to lead a campaign. I am simply INFORMED as I imagine yourself and basically the majority of the world are.

It is a huge disgrace and disappointment to have majestic white tigers in cages at the National Strawberry Festival. There is no justification that the city of Belleville should be showcasing such an out-of-date "attraction."

When I look at Belleville, I see a beautiful city, growing and improving every year, new shops and restaurants bringing people into the city. I am very proud and nostalgic for my city. I am a Belleville High School Tiger class of 2000! A Mighty Tiger at least that is our battle cry, right?

I fail to see how paying to feed a caged white tiger can be anything but an embarrassment to our developing city. This is a practice of the past and anyone, even the most uneducated person, can see this is cruel.

Look in a book, look online or simply turn on your TV. This is basic knowledge. Did you even request that there be information provided about the species extinction or cruel treatment of fair tigers at this stand. Was the tiger able to run around and stretch between its constant feeding and photographs in its tiny steel cage, or only the cost of a snapshot was listed?

Please consider canceling this "attraction" for future festivals. A better option could be a stand raising awareness about white tigers in captivity, maybe even collecting donations!

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Nicholas Jeng, Emily Mall lead top ten for BHS graduating class

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2. Emily Mall – Salutatorian
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4. Alexa Porcaro
5. Natalie George
6. Devin Stevens
7. Chelsea Edwards
8. Lindsay Lore
9. Kassidy Fortune
10. Hunter Cole

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More Letters

Get a seat by being on time for school events

June 4, 2015

Dear VBPS Superintendent, Principals, and Parents:

Last evening I attended the "Moving-Up" ceremony for Owen Intermediate sixth graders at the Belleville High School auditorium. Last week I attended a music concert for Tyler Elementary there as well.

I'd like to begin on a positive note and mention that I think the large turnouts are an encouraging sign. It's wonderful that so many parents and family members are interested and participative in our children's education and activities.

However, anyone in attendance of these events would've also noticed all the parents and some of the students that were left standing. With that said, it seems the available seating is barely enough to accommodate everyone interested in attending.

I would hope that school board and administration is taking note at these events. Perhaps the ceremony last night could've been split into two different nights, or the concert last week could've been divided amongst grades, or held as invite-only events where each student is allotted maybe 2 to 6 tickets to distribute as the parents see fit (parents, siblings, grandparent, etc.). These are just general and random ideas.

An issue greater than the lack of space, however, was inconsiderateness and rudeness that many others and I witnessed. For example, a woman was "saving" an entire row for people who had not yet arrived. I saw a sixth grade student with his parents who were left to stand as she rudely informed them the seats were unavailable. The persons for whom she was saving the seats didn't arrive until at least 20 minutes after the ceremony began.

I attended with my two children and another – for four of us in all. We arrived at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony and were unable to sit together in the same section. Not because there weren't enough seats at that time, but because there were so many vacant seats being "held".

This has been a problem for many years at many school events. Perhaps an announcement could be made prior to and during future events stating seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

It's unfortunate to think how quickly a minor dispute over seats could get heated and possibly turn physical. These events are held to honor and support our children. They should be a time of enjoyment for the parents and students, not stress and anger.

Let's teach our children that to be a little early or at least on time is what gets one "a seat," not entitlement and blatant disregard for those around us.

Sincerely,

Van Buren Public Schools Parent

Name withheld by request.

About those bins: Romulus, please read!

To the Editor:

Romulus residents please read!

I don't want to sound mean or condescending, but a few weeks ago our new garbage and recycle bins were delivered. Prior to them being delivered a newsletter was mailed to every resident stating the directions for use and start date of July 1.

A social media ad campaign was launched with a video of how to use them and the start date of the program. On the City's website there is information. Lastly, when the bins were delivered there was a large piece of paper in plastic stuck to each can with directions and start dates.

But, nobody reads directions anymore. You should have seen how many bins were curbside the week after they were delivered. Waste Management tagged those bins stating they were not picking them up yet. Then the following week, not only did a lot of those folks roll those same bins back out, another bunch of people rolled theirs out.

People, is it that hard to read directions? The City and Waste Management gave you weeks of notices. So if anyone still questions these bins, the start date is JULY 1! Your pick-up date has NOT changed and you MUST have 4 FEET BETWEEN BINS so they can be picked up by the machine!

Thanks for letting me vent.

Jeff Kotlarek

Romulus

How about 4-way stop at Hannan-S. Service Dr.?

To the Editor:

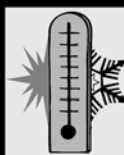
Re: Hannan and South Service Dr.

Comments: I would sure like to know when Van Buren Township and Romulus will figure out a way to avoid ALL those accidents and some fatal with that blinking yellow light.

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VBT Board

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members would like to put a question on the November ballot.

Combs said a community committee has been formed to work on the issue. It's up to the board to decide whether to ask just for a renewal of the 4 mills only or to ask for more.

She said the 4 mills, which brings in a little over \$3.4 million, covered less than half of the Public Safety Department's \$9 million budget for last year.

Trustee Phil Hart said, "I think we all need to understand that the Public Safety Department includes police, fire, dispatch and animal control."

Jason Wright, Public Safety Department

Deputy Director-Police, said the former animal control officer went to the water department for a short time and came back on Monday.

Wright said since ACO Bob Queener came back they are reviewing the job of animal control/ordinance officer and looking at numbers. While Queener was gone, the department used Romulus Animal Control to do most of Queener's ACO jobs. Wright also said the police department needed about \$180,000 of technology equipment replaced.

But, it was the fire department that came under the most discussion. Trustee Hart said the board has been looking at documentation that shows the fire department has become a training ground. VBT trains fire fighters and then they leave

to take full-time jobs elsewhere. It costs about \$13,295 per fire fighter for training, equipment and uniforms, and other steps to get them on board, he said.

Clerk Leon Wright said he took the proposed budget and noted the \$13,295 per fire fighter and found 28 had been trained and left. He figured it cost \$345,675 to train those who didn't stay.

Fire Chief Dan Besson took issue with that figure, saying some fire fighter candidates come with credentials and don't cost that much to get on board. Others are eliminated early in the process, so the cost of those candidates is minimal.

But, Chief Besson's proposal is for a full-time department with 15 full-time fire fighters, at a cost of \$622,050, plus 16 permanent part-time fire fighters, at a cost of \$284,361. When other costs were figured in, it appeared the fire department would need \$1.9 million in its budget.

The blended-rate officers, who work at a full-time job in the police department or ordinance department, would not be able to work in this reorganized fire department because a new township policy prohibits employees from working in more than one department.

The discussion focused on the township not having enough money to keep the police and fire services at their high quality since the recession of 2008 and the resulting downturn in tax collections.

Nothing has been set aside in savings for a new fire truck, but that could happen if 6.5 mills were passed, Combs said.

Former VBT Supervisor Paul White said for a \$100,000 home, the 6.5 mills would cost about \$650 in taxes, which is \$250 more than is paid now for the 4 mills. He said many residents of VBT are senior citizens whose income does not go up, implying this would be a hardship.

Bob McKenna said from the audience, "Go for the whole enchilada. If it fails, we have another chance and we go into action."

Clerk Leon Wright said if the millage doesn't pass on the second try, then drastic cuts would be in order, such as laying off two police officers and going back to a volunteer fire department.

"If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."
- Will Rogers

Belleville Area District Library to have free movie party tonight

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Stephen Kovach named to dean's list at UM-Dearborn

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BLACK IPHONE 6 on June 17 at Meijer. Left it on grocery cart. \$100 reward. Call the Independent (734) 699-9020 7/16

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 7 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., required meeting. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 14 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7 p.m.

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Embezzlement

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program sentence was instead of jail, but if a worker failed to appear for his or her assigned time, there could be a fine or the work option could be dropped and the person could be sent to jail instead.

William Dee Montgomery

William Dee Montgomery, 55, was charged with possession of narcotics less than 25 grams, in VBT on June 1.

He asked Judge Oakley to waive his preliminary exam at the district court and to be bound over to circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for a June 24 arraignment on the information.

Montgomery had a bond of \$10,000 or 10% on this charge, but was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on another charge.

Judge Oakley said Montgomery's yellow jail outfit indicated he had a probation violation. Montgomery had been sentenced to probation for a first-degree retail fraud guilty plea on Nov. 6.

At his June 24 arraignment, he got a plea deal and pled guilty. His guilty plea was accepted by Judge David A. Groner, who will sentence him on July 21 for both the narcotics offense and his probation violation.

Surveys ready for Sumpter, Van Buren residents to fill out

Officials in Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township have instituted public opinion surveys on the internet and on paper to find out what their residents want.

In Sumpter, the planning commission is seeking input on what land use residents would like to see in their township in the future. This is part of the work being done on update of the Master Plan.

The Sumpter survey is available at www.sumptertwp.com. A paper version to fill out is available at the township clerk's office. The survey deadline is Sept. 1.

The VBT survey is being put on by the Downtown Development Authority and seeks opinions on what the DDA should do with the property it just bought on Belleville Road. The property is the former Albert Harris home and toy shop and the site wraps around the Remerica Main Street office.

That survey is available at www.vanburen-mi.org on the DDA part of the site.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

Public Notice Advertisement for Pizza Bid

The Van Buren Food Service Department is now accepting firm, sealed bids to provide fresh-made pizza for the 2015-16 school year. Bid specifications are available at Van Buren Public Schools Administration Office, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from Deb Evans no later than July 31, 2015, 9:00 a.m. No determination of winning bid will be revealed at that time. Bids will not be accepted via oral, telephonic, email or fax.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ECORSE ROAD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS VAN BUREN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals will be received for the Ecorse Road Landscape Improvement Project by the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. local time on **July 16, 2015** at the Office of the Downtown Development Authority, Van Buren Township Municipal Building, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Description of Work

The work consists of landscape, irrigation and fence installation in the Ecorse Road median and adjacent to the street.

The Project Area for the implementation roughly consists the Ecorse Road median and adjacent shoulders ¼ mile east and west of Belleville Road. The entire project area is located within Wayne County right-of-way in Van Buren Township.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at the Downtown Development Authority's Office, Van Buren Township Municipal Building, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 on or after **July 2, 2015**.

Each bidder agrees to and hereby does waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Landscape Architect, Engineer and their respective employees; representatives and agents arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

Bidders shall review and comply with the instructions to bidders. Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided. A 5% bid security for the total bid amount is required. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for sixty (60) days. The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject all bids, to waive irregularities in bidding and is not required to accept the low bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance/Guarantee Bonds. The costs for these bonds shall be included in the bid amount.

No Proposal will be received unless made on bid forms furnished and delivered to the Downtown Development Authority Office on or before 10:00 a.m. local time **July 16, 2015**, which will be the time and location for the bid opening.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity contractor which does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed or a physical disability. All qualified contractors are urged to respond.

Ms. Susan Ireland, Executive Director
Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Seeking Bids

INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT

The Township of Sumpter is accepting proposals for the POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The proposed project consists of the removal and replacement of an existing sidewalk ramp and installation of miscellaneous concrete sidewalk per ADA requirements at the main entrance to the Sumpter Township Police Department located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Sealed bids will be received by:

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 1:30pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Until Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 2:00pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Township of Sumpter
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

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Fatal driver

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Green.

At that exam, Prosecutor Danielle Peterson called witness Kyle Franklin to testify.

Franklin said he was headed to work at Willow Run Airport for the 10 p.m. shift. He turned off I-94 to Michigan Avenue to eastbound Ecorse and at about 9:35 or 9:40 p.m. saw a small fire on the north side of Ecorse Road.

Franklin said he called Onstar to report the fire when he saw it was a car north of the westbound lane. He said the car was 150 yards away and he saw movement. He testified he saw someone fall out of the car through the driver's window. He could see feet up in the air.

Franklin said he was in a pickup and drove across the median and parked his car across westbound Ecorse Road with his high-beams on the car. He said he noticed one car had stopped in the eastbound lane in front of him. He said he thought it was a Chevy Malibu.

He said he got out of his car and ran over to the person who was crawling. He said he grabbed the person's shirt and dragged him, then stumbled on the uneven terrain.

He testified that two other guys came and

dragged the person away. He said the fire was getting bigger. He testified the rear part of the vehicle was on fire.

He said because of the fire no one could get close enough to see if someone else was in there, but the driver was yelling a name. He said the driver said there had been two in the car. The driver was incoherent, Franklin said, but it sounded like he was calling "Greg."

Franklin went back to his truck and told Onstar to get some help there ASAP and then the first police officer arrived.

Franklin recalled the person they helped was smoldering and was a white male in his early 20s or late teens. He said the person's legs and arm were injured, his pants torn, he was bloody and his arm was bloody.

The car became fully engulfed and there were popping noises, Franklin testified, and they couldn't tell if someone was in the vehicle.

When the fire truck arrived, he had to move his truck. Then police took his information and he went on to work and wrote his statement for the police during his break, about 2 in the morning.

Vincent questioned Franklin, who said he is an air traffic control specialist now working in Kalamazoo.

The prosecutor showed a series of pictures of the accident scene which showed the vehicle against a tree.

Franklin said he drove race cars for 13 years and had experience with situations

like this.

The next witness was Michigan State Police Det./Sgt. Kevin Lucidi, who is the Traffic Crash Reconstructionist for Southeastern Michigan.

Det./Sgt. Lucidi testified on what he found the crash data retrieval unit (CDR or "black box") said about the incident. His report was 13 pages long and he referred to it as he testified.

When questioned about the speed of the 2008 Cobalt, Det./Sgt. Lucidi explained that the CDR records readings for the last five seconds before an event. He testified the speed of the Cobalt was 96, 96, 96, 96, and then 78 mph one second before the event.

He gave other results, including that the brakes were off for the four seconds before the crash and on one second before the crash. The accelerator was pressed: 56%, 35%, 51%, 17%, and 0%.

The driver and passenger seat belts were shown to be buckled, and the air bags deployed.

The prosecutor suggested the speed may have been reduced when the car struck the fire hydrant and Det./Sgt. Lucidi said fire hydrants are designed to break away and would not stop the vehicle, but would cause a few mph reduction.

Det./Sgt. Kenneth Toney was the officer in charge and sat next to the prosecutor in the courtroom during the exam.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Hamm, Oddy, P. Morgan & Swinson. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 16 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda with item G added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments only on agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve regular board meeting minutes May 26, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept minutes from fire department March 1, April 12, & May 3, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve warrants totaling \$123,969.72. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Bates, Hamm, Oddy, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve the water & sewer report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the police report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance: No report.

10. Fire: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the fire report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the supervisor's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the attorney's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to go

out for bid to reseat & stripe the parking lots. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Oddy to approve resolution 2015-05 Cemetery open & closing costs. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve resolution 2015-06 Cemetery plots cost. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to approve the purchase agreement with Detroit Edison to install two poles and four LED lights for the parking lot in Banotai park cost \$3,492.17 paid from Wayne County Parks grant. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to rescind the motion appointing James Glahn the Human Resource director on April 22, 2014. Motion carried. 1 Nay.

F. Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to approve to purchase dock material (floats and other hardware) to enlarge the dock in Banotai Park from Kadco USA Inc. for no more than \$1,700.00 paid from Wayne County parks grant. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve to hire as full time police officer George Gabriel Salajan III. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on June 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

Why are my water rates going up?

It seems like each and every year the water rates from Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) continue to rise. One reason for the increase in rates is the fact that water usage has decreased and volumes set by the communities and DWSD are not met. This shortfall results in an increase in the rates.

Also, in fiscal year 2010-2011 DWSD began to have a fixed rate attached to the overall cost of water. This fixed cost is the portion of the bill that the City receives from Detroit Water and Sewerage each month and the City has to pay that fixed rate no matter how much water is used.

The fixed rate portion of the bill has increased since the first year as shown below.

FY 2009-2010	0%
FY2010-2011	10%
FY 2011-2012	25%
FY 2012-2013	40%
FY 2013-2014	40%
FY 2014 -2015	40%
FY 2015-2016	60%

With the increase of the fixed rate from 40% to 60% over the last fiscal year the City of Belleville will now pay nearly \$15,000.00 per month if the City uses no water or one million gallons of water.

The increase in the fixed rates that the residents will see is the increase that DWSD has passed onto the City. The City is NOT adding any additional increases on the water bill except for that increase in fixed rates from DWSD.

We know that this is a large increase, but in order to maintain the quality service that you as a resident expect from your City this increase was necessary.

Overall the cost of your water is a great value when you compare it to bottle water. The cost of a gallon of water from DWSD is less than two cents per gallon while a gallon of bottle water based on the cost of a 16.9 ounce bottle of water (\$0.99) is almost \$7.50.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 718 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 21:
0000 – suspicious vehicle, Kirkridge Bldg. 11
0301 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0313 – suspicious person, Huron River Dr./Elwell
0318 – fight, Quirk Rd.
0320 – agency assist, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
0611 – private property accident, N. I-94 Service
1141 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1334 – malicious destruction of property, Ryznar
1356 – shots fired, Revere Dr.
1427 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1447 – operating while intoxicated, N. Ponderosa
1448 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Lake
1537 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1549 – sexual assault, Ecorse Rd.
1635 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1703 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1848 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
1905 – trespassing, Sadie Ln.
2026 – fireworks, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2131 – property damage accident, Vernon St.
2143 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2158 – fireworks, McBride/Tyler
2208 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
2229 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
2300 – disorderly conduct, Denton Rd.
Monday, June 22:
0035 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0059 – fireworks, Edison/Alden
0139 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr./Edison Lake Rd.
0253 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0752 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1258 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1319 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1341 – ATV/ORV complaint, Sheldon/Savage
1407 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1430 – suspicious person, Rawsonville boat launch
1436 – missing person, Belleville
1616 – trespassing, Gilmore St.
1632 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.
1843 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2030 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
2041 – kidnapping, S. Timberview Dr.
2140 – intimidation threat, McBride Ave.
2250 – missing person, Denton Rd.
Tuesday, June 23:
0011 – suicide or attempt, Parkwood Dr.
0530 – personal injury accident, Michigan/Denton
0929 – narcotics crime, Martinsville Rd.
1132 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1159 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1221 – dumping complaint, Savage Rd.
1412 – fraud, Pond Bluff
1413 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.
1420 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1609 – ATV/ORV complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1636 – fraud, Belmont Dr.
1745 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1750 – assault & battery, Rose Blvd.
1816 – harassment call, Oak Blvd.
1839 – disturbance, Peachtree
1855 – hold-up alarm, Country Ln.
1908 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1940 – mental, Country Ln.
2007 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
2056 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2222 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Hannan Rd.
Wednesday, June 24:
1015 – code enforcement, Merle Ct.
1117 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
1247 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1317 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1331 – malicious destruction of property, New Lawn Sod Farm
1334 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.

1740 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1753 – suspicious person, Hull Rd.
1806 – suspicious person, Red Oak Dr.
1852 – property damage accident, Van Buren Park
2212 – noise complaint, Haggerty Rd.
Thursday, June 25:
0054 – minor in possession, N. Liberty
0134 – operating while intoxicated, Taco Bell
0152 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0257 – disturbance, Victoria St.
0911 – fraud, Vernon St.
0917 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0940 – intimidation threat, S. Schooner Dr.
1512 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1636 – robbery, Hardwood/Tyler
1722 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1750 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Hannan Rd.
2058 – ATV/ORV complaint, Sheldon Rd./Savage
2140 – water leak found, Rawsonville Rd.
2341 – juvenile complaint, McKinley/Pierce
Friday, June 26:
1025 – code enforcement, Cobblestone Ridge
1432 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1517 – private property accident, Lacy Dr.
1719 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.
1744 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
2139 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2224 – family trouble, Jackson Ln.
2311 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
Saturday, June 27:
0201 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
0644 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0809 – hospice, Van Buren St.
0908 – suspicious situation, Lake Pointe Pass
1739 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1756 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1836 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2001 – noise complaint, Montague Ave.
2000 – private property accident, Kirkridge Park
2119 – noise complaint, Montague Ave./Sumpter
2319 – fireworks, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
Also on this week's log are 229 traffic stops, 31 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 21:
0110 – retail fraud, Main St.
0117 – domestic assault, E. Thornhill Ct.
0120 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
0229 – suspicious situation, Main St./Third St.
1347 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Henry St.
1356 – parking complaint, Main St./Second St.
1412 – found property, Church St.
1514 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1531 – parking complaint, South St.
1728 – missing person, Main St.
1858 – civil matter, Main St.
2017 – suspicious situation, Main St.
Monday, June 22:
0340 – motorist assist, Main St.
0741 – property check, Victorian Ln.
0813 – hospice, Victorian Ln.
1514 – suspicious person, Victorian Park
1736 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr.
1825 – ordinance violation, Robbe St./Clarence St.
1928 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
2211 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.
Tuesday, June 23:
0141 – suspicious vehicle, Thornhill Ct./Victorian Ln.
0205 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0915 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1033 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
1354 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1801 – warrant arrest, Angola/E. Huron River Dr.
1841 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
Wednesday, June 24:
0841 – suspicious person, Henry St.
1139 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1141 – civil matter, Church St.
1200 – PPO violation, Main St.
1217 – animal complaint, W. Waterbury Ct.
1246 – follow up, Carmell St.
1757 – property damage accident, N. Liberty/Main

Thursday, June 25:
0033 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0039 – disturbance, N. Liberty St.
0135 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St.
0844 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1008 – hold-up alarm, Third St.
1225 – animal complaint, Second St.
1341 – vehicle lockout, Menlo Park Dr.
1419 – E-911 cellular, Henry St.
1701 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1808 – traffic complaint, Main St.
1930 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
2127 – suspicious situation, Roland St.
Friday, June 26:
0959 – motorist assist, Savage/RR tracks
1804 – animal bite, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
2157 – motorist assist, Third St./Main St.
Saturday, June 27:
0237 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1326 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1808 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.
Also on this week's log are 77 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 21:
0019 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
0345 – trespassing complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot
0547 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1950 – noise complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Monday, June 22:
0710 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
0717 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville
0908 – juvenile complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1121 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter
1140 – civil dispute., 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1358 – subpoena service, Timberlane
1421 – subpoena service, Timberpark
1447 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1515 – fire dept. assist, Washington
1827 – identity theft report, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2130 – abandoned vehicle, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
Tuesday, June 23:
0027 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0211 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0233 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Arkona
0308 – traffic hazard, Willow/Sumpter
0746 – fraud complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0952 – down wires, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1021 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1247 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1308 – well-being check, Pecan
1319 – larceny, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1528 – larceny, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1538 – down wires, Crandell/Willis
1549 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1555 – threats complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1618 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1648 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1706 – breaking & entering report, Rustic Ln.
1909 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Judd
2044 – citizen assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2241 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2300 – alarm, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
Wednesday, June 24:
0055 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0120 – warrant pick-up, Haggerty/Bemis
0429 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
1417 – fraud complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1523 – fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1619 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1701 – malicious destruction of property, Stonecrest
1820 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2039 – neighbor dispute, Nevada
2250 – fireworks complaint, Sumpter/Arkona
Thursday, June 25:
0207 – ORV complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0421 – alarm, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1222 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1326 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1445 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1532 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Deborah Ct.
1602 – fire dept. assist, Creekside
1859 – subpoena service, out of township
1922 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

2100 – ORV complaint, Sherwood/Wear
2116 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty
Friday, June 26:
0009 – family trouble, Sumpter/Judd
0859 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville / Bemis
1113 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1223 – suspicious incident, Redwood
1236 – family trouble, Country Club
1302 – threats complaint, Texas
1347 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1414 – subpoena service, Timberlane
1535 – malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1554 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1826 – malicious destruction of property, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1903 – threats complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1907 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2052 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2326 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
Saturday, June 27:
0712 – fraud complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1145 – subpoena service, out of township
1222 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1528 – down wires, Martinsville/Judd
1554 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1556 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1621 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2123 – traffic hazard, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2222 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2251 – assault, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week's log are nine follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 140 patrol checks, and 29 traffic stops.

Belleville fire fighter reported missing after leaving his Taylor job

Timothy Graves, 22, who has been a paid-per-call Belleville Fire Fighter for three months, is being sought after he dropped from sight at about 10 p.m. Sunday.

Graves, an EMT, was last seen leaving HealthLink Medical Transportation's headquarters at 26150 Northline Road in Taylor. He was wearing his HealthLink uniform



Timothy Graves and was presumably heading home to Belleville, but he hasn't been seen since.

On Tuesday, his mother told Channel 7 News that she received a call telling her that her son's Saturn was found parked and locked at a rest area in Wood County near Bowling Green, Ohio. It appeared to have been there some time.

Graves is about 5 feet, 6 inches tall and wears glasses. He is not married and has no children.

The social media is seeking help to find Graves since his family and friends are very concerned for his well-being.

Michigan EMS, a Facebook page for Michigan Ambulance Services, posted an alert stating Graves was missing and seeking information.

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The **Gregg Brinkerhoff Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established in memory of the former coach and teacher at Belleville High School. The 2014 scholarship recipients are **Donja Brown, Lisa Guthrie, Nicholas Jeng, Edward McWilliams, Sierra Powdhar, Amber Severin, and Marcus Steele**. Registration deadline is July 31.

The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** in Sumpter Township still have a few openings left in their 6th-annual **Golf Outing** on July 11 at the **Green Oaks Golf Course** in Ypsilanti. The cost is \$55 per golfer and \$220 per foursome. Proceeds go to the no-kill shelter. For more information call (734) 635-9141.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music Lakeside Concert Series** continues tonight with the **Rusty Wright Band**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. The concert is free. Rain location is inside Belleville United Methodist Church.

Harbour Club Golf Course is offering Junior Golf Clinics this summer, geared for boys and girls ages 6-15. The first clinic is July 8-10, from 6 to 7 p.m. The second

session will be Aug. 4-6, also from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost per clinic is \$35. The clinics will be conducted by PGA Certified Pro **Sean Mason**. Golfers are asked to bring their own clubs. Call (734) 697-6845.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 2** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with the Rusty Wright Band (Blues) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

• **Friday, July 3** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Opening Night at 9:15 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. New 40' screen and brighter projector. Featuring: a story of God's Grace about Easter traditions, based on the 10 Commandments. (734) 482-5074

• **Sunday, July 5** – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m., Veterans Memorial on High Street in downtown Belleville. A brief ceremony and "Taps" to honor those who served, both living and deceased.

• **Monday, July 6** – Afternoon car show on Main Street, weather permitting. Sponsored by Bayou Grill.

• **Wednesday, July 8** – Van Buren Township's Summer Concert series features the Howlin' Mercy (Blues) at 7 p.m. at Van Buren Park. Free concert, but must pay to enter the park.

• **Thursday, July 9** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats (Zydeco) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

• **Friday, July 10** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 9:12 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "One Church" state premier. (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, July 11** – 5K run/walk starts at 9 a.m. at Lower Huron Metropark to earn funds for Duo, an organization helping Special Olympics families. A Family Field

Day starts at 11 a.m. Information: (734) 277-3547.

• **Saturday, July 11** – The Belleville Historical Society field trip to the Westland Historical Village starts by meeting at the Belleville museum at noon. Call 697-1944 for information.

• **Saturday, July 11** – Guiding Harbor/Girlstown invites you to an open house and tour from 2 to 4 p.m. at 11875 Quirk Road, Belleville. See how your support helps provide foster care, supervised independent living, and residential treatment services. 697-4804

• **Saturday, July 11** – Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, is hosting a free car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small donation accepted to benefit an extension of the church's community outreach services. Enjoy '50s and '60s pricing where a buck will get you a hot dog, popcorn and a drink. Rain day is July 18.

• **Sunday, July 12** – Friends of the Belleville Area District Library is again presenting the Garden Walk, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to earn funds for the library.

• **Monday, July 13** – Afternoon car show on Main Street, weather permitting. Sponsored by Bayou Grill.

• **Wednesday, July 15** – Van Buren Township's Summer Concert series features Toppermost (Beatles Tribute) at 7 p.m. at Van Buren Park. Free concert, but must pay to enter the park.

• **Thursday, July 16** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with The Swank Club (Caribbean Jazz) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

• **Thursday, July 16** – Antiques Appraisal Fund Raiser at the Belleville Area Museum, 3-7 p.m. \$10 covers admission and first item. \$5 every item thereafter (limit 4). Also, yard sale at the museum.

• **Friday, July 17** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 9:09 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. BBQ & ice cream night, all free. Movie: "Alone Yet Not Alone." (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, July 18** – Family Fun Day at Graham Park in Sumpter Township, put on by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission.



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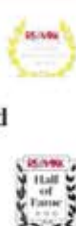
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